

Today

Science Leads.
Wealth in the Air.
One-Ounce Typewriter.
Sun and Moon Pull.

—By ARTHUR KRIBBANE—
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NOTHING IS as important as the meeting of scientists and their discussions at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Unfortunately, not one American in a hundred will know what was said or done at the convention.

Last Thursday the wise men discussed the possibility of getting carbon from the air.

We dig in the ground for coal to make steam and electricity. We send away down to South America for nitrates—fertilizers.

Above us in the air there is carbon by the billions of tons, enough to last forever, and nitrogen in quantities unlimited.

WE ALREADY KNOW something about getting nitrogen from the air and probably shall soon have solved that problem on a big commercial basis. Henry Ford says he can do it now, if the Government will let him take Muscle Shoals.

How to get from the air carbon to use in our furnaces we don't know yet; but that will be discovered in time.

YOU CAN EVEN imagine a world congress in the future to limit the weakening and depleting of the atmosphere by taking out too much carbon and nitrogen for use here on the ground.

All the money the Rockefellers and Rothschilds ever dreamed about is like the widow's mite compared with untold billions that float in the air above you.

THE SCIENTISTS study and discuss everything, big and little. When one man has finished his discourse on the possibility of taking power and fertilizer from the air, another takes from his vest pocket a typewriter weighing one ounce, a machine that he actually uses.

ANOTHER EXPLAINS that human beings are not as important as they think, but "insignificant insects" thrust here into a little speck, our earth, that exist only for an instant. Nevertheless, we think, as Descartes says: "Therefore, we are something."

From one you learn that the sun and moon, pulling on the earth, dragging it out of shape by the power of gravitation, are responsible for earthquakes.

Another brings the bad news that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado is getting wider, the walls slowly worn away by erosion. By and by that magnificent curiosity will have disappeared. But don't worry; it will look about as it does now to your descendants of a thousand generations from now.

And you know that we are only forty generations, of fifty years each, from the birth of Christ.

SOMEBODY OUGHT to take all the proceedings of that great scientific convention, remove all the hard spots, and prepare something interesting, not a dull condensation, to be printed in instalments in all of the newspapers of the country.

ONE COMFORTING THOUGHT is supplied by Dr. Menzel, who tells that scientists' convention about the temperature on various planets.

On Jupiter the temperature is about 90 degrees below zero, centigrade. Think what your coal bill would be on that planet, with one year as long as fifty of our years.

THE BRITISH laid the keel of a great new battleship yesterday. The fighting machine will be quickly rushed to completion. The British talk nicely about disarmament, but they don't believe in overdoing it. You can't blame them. While the oceans are covered with their ships, they must have battleships on the water to protect them.

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The Weather
Increasing cloudiness
and warmer today; to-
morrow unsettled.

BORAH WITHDRAWS; HARDING HAS FREE HAND

KLAN TO REPUDIATE ITS MER ROUGE MEMBERS; HUGHES STATES U. S. POLICIES TOWARD EUROPE

KU KLUX ACTS AS HOST QUIT FOLD BECAUSE OF OUTRAGES

Ex-Mayor, Held in Baltimore,
Condemned at Secret Meet-
ing for Fighting Extradition

LEADER CALLS HIM FOOL

Advises Official to Return and
Present Evidence He Claims
Will Make Him a Free Man

By SAM BLAIR.
Universal Service.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—The Ku Klux Klan, as a national organization, would like to draw away from that part of the organization in Morehouse Parish, members of which have been named in outrages which climaxed last August with the torture and crucifixion of Watt Daniels and Tom Richards, residents of Mer Rouge.

Resignations from the klan, as a result of publicity given the case, have been dispatched at an average of 300 a week throughout the United States, the Department of Justice has ascertained.

KLAN IN CONFERENCE.
If national Klan officials originally had intended to finance the defense of those arrested for the slaying, it appears that a change of policy has been determined upon. If for no other reason than to check the exodus of members, the Klan is ready, it needs be, to withdraw the charter from the Morehouse Parish branch.

Klan officials of Louisiana gathered from all sections of the State at a conference here today. While the symposium was ostensibly secret, the leaders were anxious to "set themselves right" before the public and one newspaper man was invited to "sit in." He was asked only to withhold identifications of those present.

The session decided that the Louisiana klan must obtain first-hand information on the Morehouse parish situation. An investigator, authorized to act with full authority of the State section, was named and instructed to depart at once on his mission.

VICTIMS TORTURED.
The organization chiefs discussed the announcement from Baltimore that Dr. B. M. McKoin was determined to fight extradition.

"McKoin is making a fool of himself," the State klan head declared. "He had better come back as quickly as possible and present the evidence he claims will prove his innocence."

Daniels and Richards were literally crucified before they died. Some one in the band of half a hundred hooded men remembered that the "wheel" was a favorite instrument of torture in the Middle Ages. The men were tied to a pair of large cart wheels and slowly put to death by fire and knife.

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Asquith Denies He Will Succeed Envoy Geddes

By Universal Service.
Special Cable Dispatch.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

SO far as I know, there is no truth in the suggestion that I am to succeed Sir Auckland Geddes as Ambassador at Washington," said Former Premier H. H. Asquith, when asked about the report tonight.

CAPITAL MAN HELD IN LIQUOR SCANDAL

Rene La Montagne, 3 Brothers,
and 9 Others Indicted
As Society Bootleggers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rene La Montagne, international polo player, and well known in Washington and New York society circles, and his three wealthy brothers, Montaigu, William A. and Morgan B., were indicted today by the Federal grand jury that has been investigating liquor conditions at the exclusive Racquet and Tennis Club, as the chief conspirators in a great bootlegging conspiracy.

Nine other defendants, who have been associated with the La Montagne brothers, were indicted at the same time.

The indictments, which shocked smart society, mark the start of a Federal drive to curb bootlegging in fashionable clubs and among the wealthy.

It is known that evidence against other clubs in the Fifth avenue section has been collected by the authorities and will be presented to the January Federal grand jury. Other prominent individuals will be named in the indictments, it is predicted.

American Husband Gets Divorce In Paris Court

Universal Service.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The distinction of being the first American husband to obtain a divorce in the Paris courts since the war today went to Allan Temple White, well-known painter.

The third Seine tribunal confirmed the decree. White alleged that his wife, formerly Nora Cathinka Paulsen, once well known in Greenwich Village, was guilty of "deliberate desertion."

"Our views on esthetic art clashed," said the artist. "She put her opinions above love, left me and returned to America."

Godsol Denies He Is To Wed Dorothy Dalton

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 29.—Frank Godsol, president of the Goldwyn Film Corporation, through his studio representative, Joseph Jackson, put an end today to reports in film circles that he and Dorothy Dalton, film star, were engaged to be married.

Sanity Test Decried for Man Who Floods Notables With Telegrams

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—After sending seventy-five telegrams to Mayor Hylan, President Harding, and various other Government officials from the Hotel Theresa, William Freudheim, thirty years old,

POLICE SUBDUED GIRL BY TEAR GAS BOMB

Mrs. Eleanor B. Wilkinson Is
Arrested After Defying Of-
ficers Two Hours.

THREATENS TO SLAY SELF

Detective Snatches Knife Out
of Hands When Fumes
Overcome Her.

Barricading herself for more than two hours in her apartment and threatening to commit suicide if detectives insisted upon arresting her, Mrs. Eleanor B. Wilkinson, of bobbed hair and pretty features, about twenty-five years old, 1017 Ninth street northwest, was finally taken into custody yesterday afternoon after a tear gas bomb had been thrown into her room.

GRABS KNIFE.
As the woman staggered under the effects of the fumes, Detective George Darnell rushed into the apartment and snatched a knife from her hand. Mrs. Wilkinson then crumpled to the floor. She was carried into the street.

At the Emergency Hospital, Mrs. Wilkinson said she would rather die than be returned to the Bedford Reformatory, in Brooklyn, N. Y., from which she escaped five months ago. She had been confined there on a charge of vagrancy.

Accompanied by Miss Rhoda Millikin, acting superintendent of the woman's bureau, a squad of detectives went to the house to arrest Mrs. Wilkinson after William Carlson said to be a friend of the woman, informed police that a "wild woman was disturbing the neighborhood by her shrieks and cries." They also were told that Mrs. Wilkinson was wanted by the reformatory authorities.

THREATENS SUICIDE.
When Mrs. Wilkinson saw the detectives she slammed her door. Stripping to the waist she seized a knife and threatened to commit suicide if they placed their hands on her.

Pleadings were of no avail. For two hours she defied the officers. The tear bomb finally was finally decided on to make her surrender.

After treatment the woman was removed to the Washington Asylum, where she is under observation. It was the first time in the history of the Washington police department that a tear bomb was used.

Slavs and Teutons to Join British Jobless Parade

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Unemployed from Russia and Germany will join Britons in their parade here this New Year Day, it was admitted in Downing street tonight.

The demonstrators and their leaders have no hope that they can obtain an interview with the prime minister in London.

FAVORS ECONOMISTS SETTLING INDEMNITY

Secretary Suggests Calling in
Financial Experts to Work
Out Solution.

SAYS STATESMEN NO HELP

Reparations Muddle Too Great
for Them, He Avers, in
New Haven Speech.

By Universal Service.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—Secretary of State Hughes in an address before the American Historical Association of New Haven, tonight suggested that the first steps toward a settlement of the reparations question be taken by the highest authorities in finance of the countries concerned who could act unprejudiced by political considerations.

REFLECTS HARDING'S VIEWS.
The solution offered by these authorities, he said, would, of course, have to receive the approval of the governments involved.

The Secretary's suggestions were regarded as setting forth authoritatively the views and purposes of President Harding's Administration.

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Why should they not invite men of the highest authority in finance in their respective countries—men of such prestige, experience and honor that their agreement upon the amount to be paid, and upon a financial plan for working out the payments, would be accepted throughout the world as the most authoritative expression obtainable?

REPARATIONS KEY.

Governments need not bind themselves in advance to accept the recommendations, but they can at least make possible such an inquiry with their approval and free the men who may represent their country in such a commission from any responsibility to foreign offices and from any duty to obey political instructions. I have no doubt that distinguished Americans would be willing to serve in such a commission.

If governments saw fit to reject the recommendation upon which such a body agreed, they would be free to do so, but they would have the advantage of impartial advice and of an enlightened public opinion. Peoples would be informed, the question would be rescued from assertion and counter-assertion, and the problem would be put on its way to solution.

The economic conditions in Europe give us the greatest concern. They have long received the earnest consideration of the Administration. We are deeply

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Colloquy In Senate Reveals U. S. Sent 'Feelers' to Europe

By Universal Service.

THE Administration's plans for discussion of the economic situation in Europe are disclosed in the following record of the colloquy between Senator Borah and Senators Watson, Lodge and McCormick, representing the Administration, which prompted Borah to withdraw his proposal for an economic conference:

WATSON—This amendment does embarrass the Chief Executive. I will go so far as to say things have been done looking to a conference in the future. But the President does not propose to be goaded into calling a conference for armaments. Personally, I am in favor of such a conference, but I want its limits well defined.

BORAH—The Senator has suggested that I withdraw my amendment?

WATSON—No, I have not suggested it, but I would welcome such action.

BORAH—Upon assurances from the Senator that negotiations have been entered into, I will withdraw my amendment.

WATSON—No, I will not say negotiations; I meant "feelers."

BORAH—Well, then, "feelers," or "conversations"—"conversations" across the waters. Do you mean "feelers" looking toward consideration of economic questions?

WATSON—Yes, I mean "feelers" leading to a discussion of those questions or some sort of a conference.

BORAH—A conference that has for its object adjustment of the situation in Europe?

WATSON—Aiding in the adjustment of the situation.

BORAH—Upon the statement that these "feelers" have been put out, and that if I press this amendment it will be embarrassing to the steps already taken, I will withdraw it.

WATSON—I am not here to say that the President has started out to call a conference, but I am here to say "feelers" have been put out. I don't know how far they have gone.

M'CORMICK—Has it not been a matter of public discussion in the newspapers for three or four months that a conference at Brussels is to be called if a basis of settlement can be reached? What other reason could there be for calling Colonel Harvey home?

BORAH—Does the Senator understand that the United States will call the conference at Brussels and what steps, if any, have been taken toward that end?

M'CORMICK—If the Senator will permit a very humble person to answer, I will say that I know steps have been taken to the end that a conference may sit in Brussels to consider the economic situation.

BORAH—And we are to be a part of the conference? Does the Senator know that our Government has been in on these conversations?

LODGE—I may say that through the usual channels, Ambassadors and Ministers, the United States has been endeavoring to see whether it could be helpful in settling European conditions, to see what this Government could do, if anything.

BORAH—Does the Senator think the adoption of my amendment would be embarrassing to the President in his negotiations?

LODGE—I think it would be harmful, yes.

BORAH—Does the Senator think the adoption of my of the Foreign Relations Committee, I am willing to withdraw it.

Erin Averts Rail Strike By Seizing Companies

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is reported that the Irish Free State Government has averted a threatened railway strike by taking over the companies which planned to reduce wages. The companies claimed they could not continue the present wage scale and still pay dividends.

Jane Addams Says Men Have "Messed Up" World

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Jane Addams, of Chicago, told newspaper men today "men have made a mess of the world."

She also attacked the United States for increasing the tariff, for putting up barriers against immigration, and for failing to remit the war debts due her.

She may go to the conference of premiers at Paris next week.

ABANDONS PLAN FOR ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AS DEFEAT LOOMS

Senator Yields When Informed
Scheme Would Embarrass
President's Present Moves

PARLEY HERE IS OPPOSED

Harding Hopes Europe Calls
Meeting to Which U. S. Would
Send "Listen-In Observer"

By JAMES R. NOURSE.
Universal Service.

The proposal made by Senator Borah for an economic conference as a step toward American intervention in the tangled financial affairs of Europe came to an inglorious end in the Senate yesterday.

Senator Borah abandoned his plan when confronted by authoritative declarations by Administration Senators that discussion of an economic conference is seriously embarrassing efforts by President Harding to protect American autonomy in the adjustment of Europe's economic problems.

YIELDS TO PROTESTS.

Withdrawal of his amendment, which was foredoomed to defeat if it had ever come to a vote, was made after several hours of stirring debate in which Senators Johnson, of California, Moses, of New Hampshire, and Watson, of Indiana, assailed the proposed conference in vigorous fashion, and Borah had spoken at considerable length in support of it.

In the face of protests by Watson, Lodge and McCormick to the effect that Borah's proposal was not only unacceptable to the Administration, but was affording a real embarrassment to undertakings now being made to settle America's interests in the European situation, Borah accepted the alternative of withdrawal rather than witness the complete rejection of his plan by vote of the Senate.

HELD IN ABEYANCE.

Borah announced that he will not offer his resolution as an amendment to the naval bill, as he had planned, but will hold it in abeyance. If the Administration's plans do not mature in the manner vouchsafed for them by spokesmen in the Senate, Borah said, he may offer it again as an amendment to some other measure.

While the announcement made by Watson, Lodge and McCormick relative to the President's plans contained nothing that was not hinted at in earlier stages of the debate, some additional information as to just what the White House and State Department are planning was disclosed. It was revealed by Senator Watson that "feelers" have been put out by the Administration to nations of Europe looking to an adjustment of economic problems affecting American interests.

It was emphatically denied, however, that the President's plan

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